

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Acuerdo General entre el Gobierno Nacional y el Partido Revolucionario de los Trabajadores, Don Gabriel, Ovejas, Sucre
Date	28 Dec 1990
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Colombian Conflict (1964 -)

The Colombian conflict is really a set of conflicts and the peace agreements reflect both different processes relating to different conflict groups and dyads, and processes taking place at different times in a complex peace process history. The Colombian civil war has its roots in the late 1940s and the violent infighting between liberal and the conservative factions. Emerging from the liberal tradition with a thorough grounding in nationalist communist ideology, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia—People's Army (FARC) began its armed insurrection against the Colombian government in 1964. Other left-wing guerrillas emerged as well, most notably the socialist/populist M-19, which would later be integrated into the formal political system in the peace process of 1990s; the National Liberation Army (ELN), which has strong roots in liberation theology, and the Maoist Ejército Popular de Liberación (EPL) (also part of the 1990 process, less successfully). Several stages of peace processes were undertaken by the various sides, which were further complicated by the emergence of right-wing paramilitary 'self-defence' forces. The peace agreement between the Colombian government under President Uribe and the main alliance of the paramilitary groups, the United Self-Defence Forces of Colombia (AUC), concluded in 2005 and is still heavily disputed as several remnants are still active, but now subsumed under the heading 'Bacrim' (Bandas criminales). In addition, FARC and ELN maintain a military presence, but both demonstrate a strong interest in completing successful peace negotiations with the government, with the most recent agreements being between FARC and the Government.

Close
Colombian Conflict (1964 -)

Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Colombia I - Gaviria

Parties Por el Gobierno Nacional,
HUMBERTO DE LA CALLE LOMBANA
Ministro de Gobierno
JESÚS ANTONIO BEJARANO
Consejero Presidencial
CARLOS EDUARDO JARA MILLO
Asesor Consejería
GONZALO DE FRANCISCO
Asesor Consejería
ALVARO HERNANDEZ
Asesor Consejería
GABRIEL RESTREPO
Asesor Consejería

Por el PRT,
VALENTIN GONZALEZ
SERGIO SIERRA
PABLO RONCALLO
RAFAEL GONZALEZ
ERNESTO FALLA
IVAN SUAREZ

Third parties Witness: Orlando Fals Borda, delegado a la ANC por la lista de la AD M-19

Description This agreement includes concrete steps of ceasefire including date (Jan 26, 1991) in exchange for a representative in the National Assembly who will seek full membership. The government declares to establish a presidential delegation office on the Atlantic coast for the defense and promotion of human rights in addition to a commission for human rights on the Atlantic Coast (specifies who will be represented within) which will implement mechanisms for social organisation and the community to learn about the human rights situation of the region. In exchange of the ceasefire, the government makes political, legal and economic guarantees for the legalisation and reinsertion of the PRT. Bilateral commissions will be established for this purpose. The PRT calls on other armed groups to follow their example and affirms its contribution to the peace process.

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Groups

Children/youth No specific mention.

Disabled persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant workers No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/
national group** No specific mention.

Religious groups No specific mention.

Indigenous people No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced
persons** No specific mention.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

**Women, girls and
gender** No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

**Nature of state
(general)** No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

**Independence/
secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/
unification** No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

**Cross-border
provision** No specific mention.

Governance

**Political
institutions (new or
reformed)** No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

**Electoral
commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties
reform** No specific mention.

Civil society Page 2, Article 4,

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**Traditional/
religious leaders**

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**Public
administration**

No specific mention.

Constitution

No specific mention.

Power sharing

**Political power
sharing**

No specific mention.

**Territorial power
sharing**

No specific mention.

**Economic power
sharing**

No specific mention.

**Military power
sharing**

No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	<p>Page 1, Untitled Preamble, The peace process undertaken by the Revolutionary Workers' Party (Partido Revolucionario de los Trabajadores, PRT) and the national government, which seeks to find a political solution to the armed conflict and make progress toward the full democratisation of the country, ensure the unrestricted respect for human rights and bring about reconciliation among Colombians, today reaches a defining moment. The ruling of the Supreme Court of Justice ratifying the sovereignty of the National Constitutional Assembly and the result of the elections on 9 December 1990 creates the conditions that make viable a major political change to build a genuine participative democracy in Colombia.</p> <p>Page 2, Article 5, As a fundamental part of the surrender of arms, the national government must provide full political, legal and economic guarantees to PRT for its legalisation and reinsertion in civil and political life. Furthermore, as a consequence of the work of the bilateral commissions created by the agreements signed so far, the plans for reinsertion, security, the promotion and defence of human rights, regional development and the monitoring of agreements, in addition to the required economic resources, must be precisely defined before the date of the surrender of arms.</p>
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Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/access Page 2, Article 4,

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Protection measures No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI Rights institutions→NHRI→New or fundamentally revised NHRI
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Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/nomadism rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees

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Ceasefire

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Police

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Armed forces

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DDR

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

Page 1, Article 2,

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Intelligence services

No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel
and opposition
group forces**

Page 1, Article 1,
The PRT will have a permanent seat on the National Constitutional Assembly. The form of this participation will be defined before the proceedings for the surrender of arms. In light of the government's offer of a permanent spokesperson, PRT ratifies its aspiration for its representative to have full rights.

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Page 2, Article 7,
PRT expresses its aspiration for this agreement to contribute to progress in the negotiation processes with EPL and the Quintin Lame Armed Movement (Movimiento Armado Quintín Lame, MAQL) and issues a call to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia, FARC) and the National Liberation Army (Ejército de Liberación Nacional, ELN) to reach a truce in military operations and show signs of real willingness to achieve peace.

**Withdrawal of
foreign forces**

No specific mention.

Corruption

No specific mention.

**Crime/organised
crime**

No specific mention.

Drugs

No specific mention.

Terrorism

No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general No specific mention.

Amnesty/pardon Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper
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Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation Page 1, Untitled Preamble,
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Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory ORLANDO FALS BORDA
Testigo, delegado a la ANC por la lista de la AD M-19.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/ similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism Page 2, Article 6,
The national government and PRT will sign, as a constituent part of this agreement, a memorandum of commitment detailing the commitments and mechanisms to guarantee development of and compliance with the agreed issues.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source Acuerdos con el EPL, MAQL y CRS, Diálogos con la CGSB, Biblioteca de la Paz – 1990-1994, Fundación Cultura Democrática, Ed. Álvaro Villarraga Sarmiento, Bogotá D.C., 2009 (book III) p. 182
